

## MINNEAPOLIS HAS A \$6,000,000 FIRE

An All-Night Battle With the  
Flames In the Business  
Section of the City.

THREE FIREMEN WERE KILLED,  
CRUSHED UNDER FALLING WALL

The Fire District Included Powers' Department Store, Boutelle Bros' Wholesale Furniture House, the Tribune and Journal Offices, in "News-Paper Row" and Small Hotels.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 14.—The worst fire in its history has visited this city. Within two hours, property worth \$6,000,000 was destroyed, and it is conservatively estimated that the total property loss will exceed this amount.

The flames soon wiped out Boutelle Brothers' furniture supply house, the largest in the city, with a loss of \$2,000,000.

Every piece of fire apparatus in the city and a portion of the department of the city of St. Paul was soon at work on the fire. The departments placed all their efforts on saving the buildings in close proximity.

The flames were fanned by a stiff north wind, carrying flying embers many blocks, causing several small fires through the city.

### Three Fatalities Reported.

Three fatalities were reported soon after the fire began, although the flames spread with such rapidity that there was small opportunity for escape except for those on the street.

Three firemen are said to have been crushed under a falling wall, but the confusion was so great that the report could not be verified until the companies were recalled.

The fire originated in the Q. H. Peck photographic supply house, at ten o'clock in the evening. The cause was not given. The fire district includes Powers' department store and "News-Paper Row," in which are located the Tribune and Journal and several small hotels. For a radius of five blocks the awnings and out-fittings of buildings are blazing, with the prospects that all will be destroyed.

Boutelle Brothers' wholesale furniture house was well stocked with seasoned wood and varnished furniture, and burned with extraordinary fury. Flying embers from this structure spread in every direction, and the combined fire departments were continually surrounded by fresh fires.

At two o'clock Wednesday morning the fire chief reported the worst of the fire over.

Although the fire raged on all sides of the Powers department store, it was not believed it would burn, although everything inside has been ruined by water and smoke.

The police devoted their attention to driving spectators from the fire district, owing to the extreme danger from falling live wires.

### PAYS' FINAL INSTALLMENT

John Alexander Dowie Makes Final Settlement of Debt of More Than \$400,000.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Zion City has paid the final installment on the big debt which a year ago involved it in sensational bankruptcy proceedings and threatened to wreck the gigantic enterprise established by John Alexander Dowie. Checks were sent out Monday by Deacon C. J. Barnard, head of the financial department of Zion, in payment of the final 40 per cent., approximately \$140,000 of the original indebtedness of more than \$400,000.

The payment brings to a conclusion one of the most remarkable cases of application for bankruptcy in the annals of the country.

### KRATZ CASE CONTINUED

St. Louis Councilman Charged With Bribery Was Unable to Appear for Trial.

Butler, Mo., Dec. 13.—On the strength of a certificate of a St. Louis physician, the case of Charles Kratz, charged with bribery in connection with the St. Louis Suburban Railway deal, which was called for trial in the circuit court Monday, was continued until January 2. The physician certified that Kratz had undergone an operation for appendicitis, and would not be able to attend the trial.

### HAS ITS LIMITATIONS.

A Texas Court Holds That a Railroad Ticket Has Limitations Like a Promissory Note.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 13.—A decision as to the life of a railroad ticket, which is attracting considerable attention, has been rendered in favor of the Southern Pacific company by the civil court of appeals.

The court has decided that a railroad ticket which is not used within a reasonable time after its issuance is barred by the statute of limitations, just as a promissory note would be.

### Wealthy Cuban Dies in New York.

New York, Dec. 14.—Joseph M. Mora, who was connected with the banking house of Charles DeWitt & Co., and was known in Wall street, died here Tuesday of pneumonia. Mr. Mora was born 60 years ago in Cuba, and was a member of a distinguished Cuban family.

## FIFTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS.

(Second Session.)

SENATE—The senate, on the 7th, reached a decision to vote on the Philippine civil government bill providing for the construction of railroads in the islands on the 16th instant, and in addition transacted considerable other business. Mr. Platt, of New York, created something of a stir by introducing a bill providing for a reduction of the congressional representation of the southern states on the ground that many of the citizens of those states are deprived of their right to vote. The discussion of the time for voting on the Philippine bill brought out the fact that there is a general understanding that the Christmas holiday recess will begin on the 19th instant.

HOUSE—The house was in session only 15 minutes. Mr. Bingham, of Pennsylvania, offered the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, carrying \$3,883,700 for expenses for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 1906. On motion of Mr. Payne, of New York, a republican floor leader, the house agreed to the usual distribution of the several parts of the president's message to the committees of the house having jurisdiction. There being no further business, Mr. Payne's motion to adjourn, made at 12:15, was carried.

SENATE—The senate held only a short session, on the 8th, and adjourned until Monday. An attempt to secure consideration of the pure food bill was defeated by a demand of Mr. Aldrich that the bill be read at length, which brought an objection from Mr. Tillman, who did not want the time consumed. Mr. Tillman brought the case of William Crum, the colored man nominated for collector at Charleston, S. C., into prominence by asking for a report from the committee on judiciary as to the status of recess appointments. The senate, at 12:29, on motion of Mr. Aldrich, went into executive session, and at 12:45 adjourned.

HOUSE—The annual fight on the civil service commission was begun in the house, during consideration of the legislative appropriation bill. The discussion brought out some semi-humorous comment on the last presidential election. It related to the lack of votes which were cast for Judge Parker, Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, and Mr. Grosvenor, of Ohio, participated in this feature of the debate. The session lasted five hours and fifteen minutes. At 5:16 p. m. the house adjourned until Friday.

SENATE—The senate was not in session on the 9th, having adjourned until Monday. The house passed the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill almost as it came from committee, and adjourned until Monday. The civil service committee provisions disposed of, there was no long debate on any item. Throughout the session the policy of retrenchment held full sway, and all attempts to increase salaries failed. The house passed a resolution to adjourn on December 21 until January 4, 1906, for the usual Christmas holidays.

SENATE—The senate, on the 12th, had under consideration the pure food and Philippine government bills. Discussion of the former was confined to calling attention to the inadequacy of the protection accorded the people of the United States against impure foods and drugs. The discussion of the Philippines bill related solely to the question of the guarantee by the Philippine government of the income or interests on the bonds on railroads of those islands. Mr. Spooner, of Wisconsin, was the leader in the criticism.

HOUSE—The house transacted quite a large amount of miscellaneous business, starting with pension bills, and considering the bill financial bill later in the day. A number of bills of local character were passed, and an adjournment was forced for lack of a quorum when an attempt was made to pass the bill resolution granting the use of the Washington monument lot for the American railway appliance exhibition. The bill transferring the forest reserves from the department of the interior to the agricultural department, which has been pending in congress for several years, was passed.

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Always Johnnie-  
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With the fullest line of

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To be found in the city. We also manufacture a nice line of

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### Lowney's Famous Candies.

A box of these make an acceptable Christmas present.

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### Fireworks, Dolls and Books.

WE CAN PLEASE YOU.

M. B. LONG, Proprietor.

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### AND GUTTERING

I have employed a First Class  
Painter and am now  
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### Contract House Painting

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Before having your work done  
call and see me and get  
terms and prices.

I will Appreciate Your Trade

Respectfully,

Jno. W. Twyman.

## The Last Appeal TO THE CLOAK TRADE.

WE have just received from our eastern cloak manufacturers our last shipment of this season's Cloaks and Furs, which places us in a position with the buying public that no other house can hope to have, as we are showing the latest things in these two lines that have been introduced in the last two weeks by Vogue. These goods reaching us late makes it doubly good for the buyer as we own them for 25 per cent. less than the real market value on account of the delay in delivering, and in order that we may dispose of the entire lot in the next few days we will give the purchasers the benefit of this 25 per cent saving in both the jackets and Furs.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17,

We will have a formal opening of our

### Toy Department

Where we can entertain the children, and request them all to come and look over the large display of Toys that Santa Claus has intrusted us with for this year's distribution. Our prices will be lower than elsewhere as we do not intend making one cent of the profit on them, but keep them only as an advertising medium.

It is you, Mister Reader that we hope to show our goods and quote our prices.

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